

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Water Quality Education Workshop a Grand Success

Joe Harrison – WSU Puyallup, Tip Hudson - Kittitas County, and the Livestock Nutrient Management Program*, conducted a workshop “Animal Feeding Operations and Water Quality - Resources and Livestock in Balance” in Leavenworth in April. The 3-day workshop, attended by 90 participants including staff from conservation districts and environmental agencies, provided participants with an overview of Federal and State water quality rules, best management practices for protecting water quality, and the use of a water quality risk assessment tool. In addition, attendees learned how animal feeding operations might maintain non-Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) designation and compliance according to the federal CAFO rule and the expected state permit.

The program consisted of a combination of presentations on technical topics, ten real-farm case studies, an applied water quality risk assessment tool for producers, and a technical water quality risk assessment tool for conservation planners.



Pictures: Participants working in breakout groups.

*The Livestock Nutrient Management Program consists of a partnership between Washington State University, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Washington State Department of Ecology, Natural Resources Conservation Service-WA, Washington State Conservation Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, and Conservation Districts statewide.

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